

UNCLE SAM LANDS MARINES AT COLON

They will Be Sent to Point on
Coast of Panama.

COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN BUTLER

Step Taken in Consequence of News
Received that Colombian Troops
Were Marching on Panama—Long
Guerrilla Warfare on Isthmus Is Prob-
able.

Colon, Dec. 15.—A company of mar-
ines from the United States ship Prarie,
was landed here today under the com-
mand of Captain Smiley D. Butler and
entrained for Panama, whence the mar-
ines will be sent to a point on the coast
south of Panama. This step was in con-
sequence of the receipt of information
that Colombian troops had landed in that
direction with the object of marching on
Panama.

It is confirmed, it will mean the begin-
ning of a long campaign of guerrilla war-
fare on the isthmus.

The destination of the marines is
said to be Yaviza, up the San Miguel
guir and Tuira river.

THREE STATES WANT THEM.

Charges Pending Against Alleged Pro-
fessional Cracksmen.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 14.—The
governor of Alabama has informed the
governor of Florida that his requisition
papers for Albert Driscoll and E. Russell,
the two men arrested at Mobile by Jack-
sonville, Fla., detectives, on the charge that they cracked
a safe of Cohen Bros. in that city and
got several hundred dollars, would not be
honored if there is sufficient evi-
dence to convict them in this state on the
several charges pending against them.

These men are said to be wanted at
Savannah, Ga., Valdosta, Ga., Besse-
mer, Ala. and several other places for
cracking safes besides Montgomery and
Jacksonville.

It is believed that there is suffi-
cient evidence in this city to convict
them of robbing the three safes in the
Forbes building. It was learned that
proofs of the pictures of the two rob-
bers were found in the Forbes building
and that these proofs must have been
lost when the robbers were getting their
tools out of their satchel.

It is claimed that these men have
been working all over the country and
are noted safe blowers.

FORCED TO GIVE UP CASH.

Two Unknown White Men Commit
Numerous Crimes in Alabama.

Decatur, Ala., Dec. 14.—Two strange
white men hired a hack from a stable
here, saying they were traveling men.
They drove to the home of H. Mote,
a farmer, near Somerville, where Mrs.
Mote and her daughter were at home
alone. They demanded money, and
Mrs. Mote gave them \$5, all she had.
She then went to the field and in-
formed her husband, but when he
reached the house the men had fled.

They abandoned the team and the
horses ran away, tearing the hack to
pieces. During the night two
horses were stolen from Ross Garrison
near Somerville. These horses were
found in New Decatur. They looked
like they had been driven hard, and
it is believed that the men in question
stole them and drove them here.

A package of about 50 letters
which was stolen from a United
States mail pouch in the New Decatur
depot Wednesday, was found near
Flint. The mail sack has never been
found and there is no clue to the rob-
bers.

Secret service men are working on
the case.

ASHES OF SPENCER

Refused a Resting Place in Westmin-
ster Abbey.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Westmin-
ster Abbey authorities have declined to
permit the ashes of Herbert Spencer to
be interred in the British Val-
halla, according to a World dispatch
from London.

Prime Minister Balfour, who had
many controversial bouts with the
dead philosopher, expressed himself
favorably to a burial in the abbey
but the dean of the chapter proved
adverse. It is said no question of
religious belief could have entered
into the matter, because Darwin lies
in the abbey.

Flagman Hitt Killed.

Toccoa, Ga., Dec. 14.—E. B. Hitt,
21 years of age, a flagman on the
Southern railway, and son of R. J. W.
Hitt of this place, was killed in the
Southern railway yards here Sunday
afternoon.

Crusade Against Straw Bondsmen.

New York, Dec. 14.—A crusade
against straw bondsmen has been in-
augurated by the county authorities
here and strong efforts will be made
to put an end to their lucrative prac-
tices about the city station houses.
As a result, wholesale arrests are ex-
pected within a few days.

Charles Mandy Made Judge.

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 14.—Gov-
ernor Jelks has appointed Charles E.
Mandy as judge of the inferior court
at Ensley, Ala. This court was cre-
ated by the last legislature by abol-
ishing several of the justices of the
peace in that precinct.

DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH.

Atlanta Secures Headquarters—Offi-
cially Decided Upon.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The establish-
ment of the department of the south,
with headquarters at Atlanta, has been
finally and officially determined upon.
The order has not yet been issued,
but this is mere formality. The gen-
eral staff has recommended it and
the secretary of war has given his ap-
proval.

The order will be issued in the very
near future, as soon as the assignment
of officers is determined upon. That
this was sure to come was some time
since predicted. The delay in reach-
ing a decision is due to the fact that
the general staff has had under consid-
eration a number of changes in the
existing plan of division of the mili-
tary departments, and it was impossi-
ble to settle one thing until all were
determined.

A final decision was reached on Fri-
day, but the fact has just become
known, the official purpose being to
keep it secret until the formal or-
ders were ready.

Under the plan adopted there are to
be five divisions of the army with
12 departments, instead of the present
11 departments. This provision
for the fire departments is new.

It is believed that the creation of
these divisions, each to contain one or
more departments, and to be com-
manded by a major general, will be a
more effective and more nearly perfect
organization than that now existing.

There will be a division of the Atlan-
tic, with headquarters at Governor's
island, to embrace two departments—
department of the east, with head-
quarters at Boston, and a department
of the south, with headquarters at At-
lanta. In a similar manner other ex-
isting departments will be embraced
in divisions. For instance, the in-
terior and southwestern section of the
country will be included in a division
containing three departments—the
department of the lakes, with head-
quarters at Chicago; the department
of the Missouri, with headquarters at
Omaha, and the department of Texas,
with headquarters at San Antonio, as
at present.

KIDNAPED BY TRAMPS.

Robbed Store in Florida and Took
Small Boy.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 15.—John Jones
and Albert Lewis, two white tramps,
have been arrested and brought here
charged with robbery and kidnaping.
They passed through Molina, a small
town near here, Friday, and seeing a
store in charge of a 12-year-old boy,
robbed the store and took the boy with
them.

The boy escaped Saturday afternoon
and reported the crime. The father
of the boy was searching the country
for him. The sheriff captured the
men in the woods where they had
camped for the night.

They at first denied that they had
been at Molina, but afterwards con-
fessed having robbed the store, but
said the boy left with them voluntarily.

He denies this, however, and says
they threatened to kill him whenever
he tried to get away.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Operators' Tank and Warehouse
company has been chartered in Flor-
ida with a capital stock of half a mil-
lion, its object being to secure control
of the naval stores product of the
state.

The Republican executive committee
of Jackson county, Florida, has re-
commended the appointment of A. Par-
dee, a negro, as postmaster at Marian-
na.

Five firemen were caught by a fall-
ing wall in Houston, Tex., two of them
may die.

The steady decline of the produc-
tion of cotton in the southern states
has caused foreign countries to make
experiments in the growth of the sta-
ple. Consuls report that Great Brit-
ain and Germany are meeting with
success.

The senate will vote on the Cuban
reciprocity bill next Wednesday, ac-
cording to the program. Congress will
probably adjourn for the holidays next
Friday or Saturday.

An unsuccessful effort was made to
take the town marshal from the jail
at Brazil, Ind., for the purpose, it is
believed, of lynching him. He ac-
cidentally shot a miner.

Judge James Cheney, said to be the
wealthiest man in Indiana, died at Ft.
Wayne. His fortune is estimated at
\$25,000,000.

Three or four bad wrecks on real-
roads in which about a dozen persons
were killed, occurred Sunday.

Hon. W. J. Bryan and his son were
received in private audience by the
pope Sunday.

There is considerable dissension in
San Domingo City in the newly formed
provisional government. It is said
there is dissatisfaction with General
Jimenez, who was at the head of the
recent revolution.

The municipalities of Panama
warmly applauded the ratification by the
junta of the Hay-Bunau-Varilla treaty.

Presidential Nominations.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The president
today sent to the senate the following
nominations: Assistant treasurer—
Thomas J. Atkins, at St. Louis, Mo.
Collector of internal revenue—Ed-
ward E. Butler, for the second district of
Tennessee. Envoy extraordinary and
minister plenipotentiary to Panama—
William I. Buchanan, of New York.

MYSTERIOUS CRIME OCCURS IN DEKALB

Nude Body Murdered Girl Is
Found In a Branch.

WAS PARTIALLY DECOMPOSED.

There Was Nothing About the Body to
Indicate Who Unfortunate Woman
Was—Skull Crushed, Gunshot Wound
in Breast—Coroner Investigating.

Lithonia, Ga., Dec. 15.—In the Union
Grove community, 4 miles east of this
place, the body of a young white wo-
man in a partially decomposed condi-
tion, lying in a small branch near the
yellow river, was discovered by some
small white boys and was a terrible
sight to look upon, being almost nude,
the skull being crushed and with a
gunshot wound in the breast.

Hundreds of people for miles around
hurried to the spot where the body lay.
Among them the coroner of Rockdale
county, who took charge of the corpse
and immediately began an inquiry.

The inquest has not been completed
and may not be for several days yet,
for most diligent inquiry made has failed
to give the slightest clue as yet as to
who the murdered girl was. So far
as can be learned no one is miss-
ing for miles around, and the body
must have lain where it was found for
several weeks, and it may be impossi-
ble to identify it.

There was nothing about the body
to give any clue as to who it was,
except a gold ring on the third finger
of the left hand, and whether or not
this will be of service must await
future developments. No effort will be
spared to solve the mystery of the aw-
ful crime.

The developments before the coro-
ner's inquest showed a motive for
the crime. The young woman would
very soon have become a mother,
and perhaps to cover another crime
murder was committed.

The corpse bears evidence of the
fact that the woman in life had be-
longed to the better class of society,
and most likely was a woman of re-
finement, perhaps not more than 20
years of age.

MYTHS, SAYS DR. SAVAGE.

Unitarian Preacher Touches Upon The
ory of Evolution.

New York, Dec. 15.—In a sermon on
the life of the late Herbert Spencer,
the Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage, in the
Unitarian church of the Messiah, has
given the theory of evolution credit
for having "forever destroyed intelli-
gent belief on the part of anybody in
the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve or
the fall of man."

"Evolution," he asserted, "has for-
ever removed those stories, and kindred
ones, to the land of myth, where they
belong."

In concluding his remarks Dr. Sav-
age said:

"Humanity has been on this earth
two or three hundred thousand years
at least. Humanity, however slowly,
has been evolving, claiming from the
far-off beginning there never has been
any fall. Evolution has brought out
not the fall of man but the ascent of
man. That means the complete re-
construction of the entire theology of
Christendom. It is coming; it has got
to come. There are thousands of
churches today in which the Eden story
is quietly referred to as though it were
poetry or allegory. There are thou-
sands of others where it is quietly
laid to one side."

AT NATIONAL CAPITOL.

Resolution Introduced in Senate Re-
garding Panama.

Washington, Dec. 12.—At the begin-
ning of today's session of the senate
Mr. Culberson introduced a resolution
instructing the committee on the ju-
diciary to inquire into the question of
the right of the department of Pana-
ma to establish an independent govern-
ment.

Mr. Culberson asked for present con-
sideration of the resolution, but Mr.
Cullum suggested it go to committee
on foreign relations. To that Mr.
Culberson objected, saying that the
necessity for the determination of the
point as to character of Panama as
an independent nation prior to the
consideration of the treaty with that
power for the construction of the pro-
posed canal was important.

Mr. Aldrich asked that the resolution
lie over for a day to which Mr. Cul-
berson assented.

NONE LEFT TO TELL TALE.

Coasting Schooner Capsized and Entire
Crew Is Lost.

Wilmington, Dec. 12.—The coasting
schooner Clarence H., trading between
Shallotte, N. C., and Wilmington, cap-
sized off this coast in a gale of wind
and the five persons on board were
drowned.

Not one was left to tell the tale of
their fearful experience. Those that
were drowned were:

L. H. Hewett, the master, L. Mor-
rison Caison and Jim Richardson, sail-
ors, and Captains William Lewis and
James Lewis, passengers, all from
Shallotte.

The wreck is lying on the beach
bottom up. A small sailing vessel,
which has arrived in port, passed near
the wreck and the captain brought
the news of the disaster.

The Clarence H. came out of Shall-
lotte and ran into a storm. The
wind was blowing a gale and the ves-
sel was capsized.

BERI BER! ATTACKS CREW.

Captain of Swedish Bark Tells of Ter-
rible Hardships.

Pensacola, Fla., Dec. 10.—Captain
Lofrengren, master of the Swedish
bark J. Wilkerstrom, Jr., which has
arrived at quarantine relates a ter-
rible story of hardship undergone by
himself and his crew while on the
voyage from South Africa to Pensa-
cola.

The bark started on the voyage 12
months ago and had been out for
about three months when all of the
crew was attacked by beri beri, a
disease which all sailors dread. For
several weeks the crew battled with
the disease, but finally they became
so weak and disabled that they were
unable to handle the vessel.

They were then several hundred
miles off Port of Spain, Trinidad, and
a few days afterwards a French steamer
sighted the bark drifting about.
The steamer passed a line to the bark
and towed her to Port of Spain. When
that port was reached five dead men
lay on the deck, while around them
were half a dozen others almost in
a dying condition. The master was
also nearly dead.

The sailors received attention, and
the master went to his home in Swe-
den, where he remained for nearly four
months under treatment. He then
returned to Port of Spain, and found
that the native had stripped his ves-
sel of everything of value, including
the nautical instruments.

RESTORING BASILICA.

Pope Pius Expresses Satisfaction at
Progress of Work.

Rome, Dec. 14.—The pope has ex-
pressed his satisfaction to Cardinal
Satolli at the work now in progress
of restoring the Basilica of St. John
lateran, especially the roof, which
threatened to fall in.

The late Pope Leo XIII. has already
given a sum of money for the church's
restoration, but it being insufficient to
interest the Franciscan priests in the
matter, they made a request
throughout the world. Pope Leo re-
quested the Franciscans to engage in
this work because of the legend painted
by Giotto, according to which
Francis, of Assisi, in one of his visions,
saw the Lateran church falling and the
saint, by order of Christ, hastening to
uphold the walls.

By the collapse of an embankment
derailing a train near Cordoba, Spain,
14 persons were killed and many in-
jured.

The Norwegian steamer Orion was
destroyed by fire near Valdeas. Three
of the crew and three passengers per-
ished.

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stroyed American bacon and oil valued
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